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SUBJECT: THAI CENTRIST FAILS IN BID FOR CONFIDENCE VOTE

1. THAI PRIME MINISTER DESIGNATE SENI PRAMOT AND HIS FRAGILE CENTRIST COALITION TODAY FAILED TO OBTAIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR THEIR CABINET AND POLICIES FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE SECRET VOTE WAS 111-152.

2. THE ASSEMBLY WILL REPORTEDLY MEET TOMORROW TO SEEK A NEW PRIME MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE. ACCORDING TO A NUMBER OF REPORTS, A MILITARY-BACKED COALITION OF CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS HAS MUSTERED ENOUGH VOTES TO PREVAIL AND INTENDS TO NOMINATE SENI'S GADFLY BROTHER, KHUKRIT, AS THEIR FRONT-MAN PRIME MINISTER.

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3. THERE MAY BE SOME NEGATIVE REACTION TO SENI'S DEFEAT IN

THE FORM OF POSSIBLY VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS BY STUDENTS  
AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF THAI SOCIETY WHO OPPOSE A MILITARY-  
DOMINATED GOVERNMENT. OUR EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN CONCERNED  
THAT IF SENI WERE DEFEATED, ALLEGATIONS MIGHT BE MADE THAT  
THE US CONNIVED IN HIS DOWNFALL. THIS CONCERN BECOMES  
MORE VALID IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SENI RECENTLY  
ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD BE HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO

MOVE US TROOPS OUT OF THAILAND IN 18 MONTHS. INGERSOLL

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